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**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 2/3/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3-18, 20-39.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 28 September 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All   b) ☐ Some\*   c) ☐ None   of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### **Reasons for Allowance**

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The amendment filed 2/3/05, in light of applicants' comments, puts the application in condition for allowance. Specifically: Independent claim 1 amended (system) now contains the features that the function is applied to resource data associated with each selected resource object obtained by receiving a selection of at least one resource task having an associated function which is thus applied to at least one of each selected resource object to produce resource information as a result of that function, and also that the system concurrently displays the resource information for each respective associated function for the resource objects to which that function is applied in respective shared output display areas, such that a user can concurrently compare resource information produced from applying multiple functions associated with multiple tasks on multiple resource objects. These features, in combination with the user interface system for managing system resources with the multiple resource objects displayed in the resource display area upon which to apply a function associated with a resource task displayed in a task display area, are not set forth in the prior art of record. Independent claim 16 amended (method) now contains the features of receiving a selection of at least one view panel in a shared output display area to be a target panel, and receiving a modification to the selection of the at least one resource task identifying a function to apply to the selection of at least two resource objects. These features, in combination with the method of presenting systems management information relating to

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resources in a network, with the multiple resource objects displayed in the resource display area upon which to apply a function associated with a resource task displayed in a task display area, are not set forth in the prior art of record. Independent claim 18 amended (system) shows the system of claim 1 amended, and further includes receiving a selection of at least two different resource tasks each having at least one respective associated function. The features combined are not set forth in the prior art of record. Claim 35 amended (computer program product) shows the computer program product corresponding to claim 1 amended. Claim 36 amended (computer program product) shows the computer program product corresponding to claim 16 amended. Claim 38 amended (system) shows the system of claim 18 amended in means plus function form. Claim 39 amended (system) shows the system corresponding to claim 16 amended. Claim 33 amended (system) shows the system of claim 39 amended and shows the resource information being in the memory system.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven P Sax whose telephone number is (571) 272-4072. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid can be reached on (571) 272-4063. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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